(b) The disparity does not lie in any special economic factor. It is due to the sum total of several factors as heridity, racial peculiarity, climatic conditions, physical exercise, nature of food taken, general health of the population, prevalence or absence of epidemic diseases, general hygienic consciousness, corporate sanitation as against individual cleanliness, general standard of living, freedom from superstition and living a more rational life.

(c) Government are doing whatever is possible through education, health propaganda lectures, vaccination, hospitals and dispensaries, public wells, Municipalities, &c.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that economic factor has no bearing whatsoever in the matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Economic factor is one of the factors, but it is not the only factor.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why don't you mention that, please?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are other more important matters?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Economic factor is the least important?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I think so, because a rich man does not live long (laughter).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c) Would you please tell me what more can you do?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The result of all these things cannot be seen in a day. It will be seen only in course of time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that you cannot foresee and do anything more? Are these the only things, you can do? Does this exhaust the list of your action?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Later on there may be some more brought to the attention of the Government. But no order of the Government is going to increase the longevity of life.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—We want some experts to work for the public.

Starvation—suicide.

128. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what guarantee against starvation they have made before enacting the laws governing suicide;

(b) how they intend to mend the incongruity suggested in a?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) and (b) the question is not intelligible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that I was speaking Greek?

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President.—Any supplementary question? You need not explain.

Rejuvenation.

129. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have in stock any medical experts for rejuvenation on the latest methods;

(b) what they intend to do in the matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) No.

(b) Nothing.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Rejuvenation, it is a question of demand and supply. There was no demand.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Could not you sometimes anticipate demand?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sometimes, but it is not possible always.

Ferry boat jetty—Bus terminus.

130. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they entertain any objections for making the ferry-boat jetty a bus-terminus for both North and South;

(b) whether they are aware that the suggestion in (a) will extend bus-service to the Ernakulam Town?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes. The objections are (1) the buses will have to pass through narrow and highly conjested streets if they are to be taken to the ferry jetty.

(2) Dust nuisance; and

(3) Existence of schools on the main roads. There is also the fact that the travelling public are not inconvenienced by the present arrangement.

(b) Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) Is it with special reference to election times?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Sir.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Which are the roads in question?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The roads all along the town here.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The road leading to the Irwin Park?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Under the Municipal Regulation they prohibit plying of the buses along the trunk roads.

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